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CATHETER STOCK, AND METHODS  
AND APPARATUS FOR MAKING SAME  
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Assistant Commissioner For Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

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**U.S. Patents:**

243,396 to Pfarre  
2,211,975 to Hendrickson  
3,485,234 to Stevens  
3,720,235 to Schrock  
3,945,867 to Heller, Jr., et al.  
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4,981,478 to Evard, et al.  
5,135,516 to Sahatjian, et al.  
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5,244,619 to Burnham  
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5,702,373 to Samson  
5,733,400 to Gore, et al.  
5,738,742 to Stevens  
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6,152,912 to Jansen, et al.

**Foreign Patents:**

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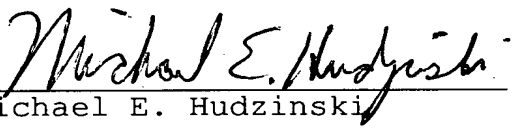
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Respectfully submitted,

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